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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF HANS MARTIN SCHLEYER

1. REACTION TO THE KIDNAPPING OF HANS MARTIN SCHLEYER  
SEEMS MUTED BY THE ENORMITY OF WHAT HAPPENED IN COLOGNE  
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. SCHLEYER IS THE TOP REPRESENTA-  
TIVE OF THIS COUNTRY'S BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT: HE  
LEADS BOTH THE CONFEDERATION OF GERMAN EMPLOYERS ASSO-  
CIATIONS AND THE FEDERATION OF GERMAN INDUSTRIES. AT  
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1530Z YESTERDAY, SOME FIVE PERSONS AMBUSHED HIS MOTOR-  
CADE. THEY KILLED FOUR PEOPLE (INCLUDING HIS BODYGUARDS  
AND DRIVER) AND KIDNAPPED SCHLEYER IN AN OPERATION OF  
ALMOST MILITARY PRECISION. THOUGH THE ESCAPE CAR HAS  
BEEN FOUND, POLICE HAVE SO FAR REPORTED LITTLE OTHER  
PROGRESS IN THEIR SEARCH. ONE PAPER REPORTED THAT A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RED ARMY FACTION HAD CLAIMED

CREDIT FOR SCHLEYER'S ABDUCTION AND THREATENED THAT SCHLEYER WOULD BE KILLED UNLESS BAADER-MEINHOF AND OTHER TERRORISTS IN STAMMHEIM PRISON ARE RELEASED.

2. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND CDU/CSU OPPOSITION LEADER KOHL HAVE SHARPLY CONDEMNED THIS LATEST TERRORIST CRIME. SPEAKING ON TELEVISION MONDAY EVENING, SCHMIDT PLEDGED TO USE ALL MEANS TO TRACK DOWN THE COLOGNE TERRORISTS, AND HE APPEALED TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE FOR HELP. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG CABINET HAD RECENTLY APPROVED A MASSIVE UPGRADING OF FEDERAL INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, AND HE SHARPLY CRITICIZED THOSE WHO EXCUSE TERRORIST ACTIVITY. IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS, KOHL AVOIDED POLEMICS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL TANDLER REPORTEDLY CASTIGATED THE SPD/FDP COALITION FOR DOING TOO LITTLE TO STOP TERRORIST MURDERS.

3. VIGOROUS POLICE EFFORTS IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE APPARENTLY NOT REDUCED THE CAPABILITY OF FRG TERRORISTS. ON THE CONTRARY, TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS ON THE RISE: E.G., THE APRIL MURDER OF CHIEF FEDERAL PROSECUTOR BUBACK, THE JULY MURDER OF BANKER PONTO, THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN AUGUST, AND NOW THE KIDNAPPING OF THE FRG'S MOST PROMINENT BUSINESS FIGURE. INCREASINGLY, THE SPD/FDP GOVERNMENT AND THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION MUST DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF TERROR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISM IN POLITICAL TERMS. THE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO CONVINCE THE CITIZENRY THAT IT IS TAKING SUFFICIENTLY VIGOROUS STEPS AGAINST TERRORISM (SCHMIDT'S REFERENCE TO INCREASED SECURITY FORCES DOUBTLESS HAD THIS IN MIND), AND THE OPPOSITION SEEKS TO PROVE THE CONTRARY POINT. THE SEPTEMBER 15 BUNDESTAG SESSION WILL OFFER EACH SIDE A CHANCE TO MAKE ITS POINT. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WILL FIRST READ A GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT (ON ECONOMIC AND OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING TERRORISM), AND THE BUNDESTAG WILL THEN DEBATE THE ISSUES OF THE DAY. MEEHAN

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